KITSUNE NO YOMEIRI

Chapter #27

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Man!Up Project

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She is a princess of lovin mischief!
He is a dull boy who is not at all lucky!
They are really close couple
though they have a lot of problems

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PHEW...
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OH, YAMATO-SENPAI. OUSUKE-KUN.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE FEELING DOWN BECAUSE OF THAT... SO THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU MISS...
N-NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
I know a good cake shop
Ah
Let's eat lunch together
THE GIRLS TOOK HER SOMEWHERE IT HAPPENS SOMETIMES...
YOU'RE BY YOURSELF THIS LUNCH BREAK— AREN'T YOU WITH KYOUKA-KUN?

TODAY I SLIPPED AND FELL DOWN AGAIN, AND MY LEAD BROKE 10 TIMES STRAIGHT WHEN I TRIED TO USE MY MECHANICAL PENCIL. I'M GETTING TIRED OF THAT... HOW ABOUT YOU, SENPAI?
... A FEW MEMBERS OF THE KENDO CLUB GOT INJURED... THERE'S AN IMPORTANT MATCH COMING UP.
IF I HAD WATCHED THEM WITH CARE, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.
THAT'S HEAVY! SORRY.
I'M ASHAMED OF MYSELF... I ONLY GOT 80 ON THE LAST EXAM.
WOW
SERIOUSLY, SORRY. I'M A TOTAL LOSER.
NO KIDDING! IT'S FULL OF LOSERS!!
!?
WELL, IF WOMEN NEVER TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY, THEN I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU!
I'M RECRUITING MEN WHO WANT TO TRAIN AT MY TEMPLE!! DON'T YOU WANT TO BE MANLIER!?

YOU'RE HANDING OUT FLYERS WITHOUT PERMISSION...
I'M WEARING THE SCHOOL UNIFORM, SO IT'S OKAY.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT NEVERMIND...
HEY, OUSUKE! SO YOU WERE HERE
A-AKASHI!?

TRAINING...
AHH! SENPAI IS ALREADY RESPONDING.
HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
OUSUKE, YOU'RE JOINING!
Discounted entry fee.
WHY!!?
ANYWAY, I'M RECRUITING PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TRAIN AT MY TEMPLE! IT'S ALSO TIME TO RENOVATE THE SHABBY OLD PLACE.
COME ON!! RECRUITING MONKS
GET STRONG

HEY YOU! YOU'RE STANDING OUT MORE THAN ME.
OH! YOU LOOK PROMISING

HUH? WHO SAID I WAS INTERESTED!
BESIDES ...
NO WOMEN ALLOWED. THEY'LL HINDER OUR TRAINING.
WHO SAID YOU COULD START DO BUSINESS HERE!?
ANE-SAN, GET HIM.
KANON!
HUH?
YOUR TITS ARE TOO BIG. YOU SHOULD LOSE SOME WEIGHT, FATTY.
DID YOU JUST CALL ME FATTY...?
OH CRAP. AKASHI, RUN!
WHAT OF IT, FATTY.
Snaps
WHAT!?
HOW DARE YOU RIDICULE MY CHARM POINT LIKE THAT!
DIE!!
Snaps

THAT HURT! DAMN TANUKI.
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SO YOU'RE JOINING, SENPAI.
LOOKS LIKE HE'S THE REAL ONEDEAL...
WHO THE HELL IS HE?
WELL, WITH THAT SAID I'LL GO AROUND AND RECRUIT SOME MORE PEOPLE MAKE SURE YOU SHOW UP
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HE BLOCKED HER PUNCH WITH ONE HAND... AMAZING
NO WAY...
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Next morning. Akashi's estate, concurrently temple

GO HO- ME !!
I'M JUST WATCH- ING
I TOLD HER THAT, BUT....
WHAT THE HELL!?
I SAID NO WOMEN!!
OH!!! THANK YOU FOR COMING

I'VE BROUGHT HIM.
I-I DON'T WANNA TRAIN~
I GUESS THEY JUST WEREN'T THAT INTERESTED IN TRAINING ... BUT MAYBE WE'LL GET ONE MORE
Yes
Ah, Senpai You came
AND WHY DID ONLY 2 OF YOU SHOW UP, DESPITE ALL MY ADVERTISING!?
HURRY UP!
Tap Tap
WE GOT ONE MORE... BUT STILL TOO FEW...
SHE.... WILL?
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT AIRA DOESN'T LIKE ABOUT YOU! BE STRONG, SWEAT! THEN SHE'LLT START PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW AIRA'S BROTHER WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
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..YOU WANNA JOIN US?
MEH, WHY NOT.
TANUKI!?
I'M M I WANNA TRAIN

AH
AND YOU TOO BEHIND THE TREE!
ALL RIGHT. CHANGE INTO THESE.
AND GO HOME ALREADY, LADIES!
SO WE AREN'T ALLOWED.
THIS SUCKS.
THIS ISN'T A GAME.

I WAS WORRIED, TOO.
BOO
I HEARD MY BROTHER WAS TRAINING HERE, SO I WAS WORRIED
How did he find me..?
AIRA-SAN.
GEEZ, I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN.

FIRST, WATERFALL TRAINING!! PURIFY YOUR BODY.
ALREA-DY!?

FAA~~~ SLEE-PY....
I'M READY!!
ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE ALL READY, RIGHT? LET'S START TRAINING.
WHAT A RAGTAG BUNCH...
I can't even keep up with the training in the first place!
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OH, WATERFALL TRAINING. CAN'T HAVE TRAINING, WITHOUT IT
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THAT'S RIGHT. I USED TO STAND UNDER A 80M WATERFALL BACK IN THE MOUNTAINS
THAT'S AMA-ZING
Has a waterfall in his backyard here
TRAINING WILL BEIS MEANINGLESS IF IT'S NOT HARD
I can't catch up
There's too excited!
FOLLOW ME IT'S NOT FAR FROM HERE
AMAZING
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WHAT'S THIS?
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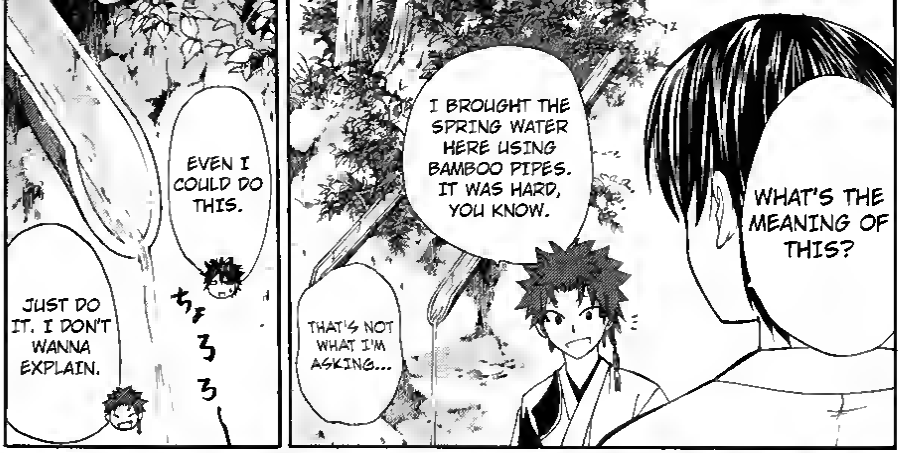
A WATERFALL.
SILENCE


WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
I BROUGHT THE SPRING WATER HERE USING BAMBOO PIPES. IT WAS HARD, YOU KNOW.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M ASKING...
EVEN I COULD DO THIS.
JUST DO IT. I DON'T WANNA EXPLAIN.
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UGH. THIS IS TOO EASY. CAN YOU EVEN CALL THIS TRAINING?
COLD.
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THIS IS "TRAINING TO BECOME ONE WITH NATURE". FREE YOURSELF OF EVIL THOUGHTS, SHARPEN YOUR SOUL, AND BLEND IN WITH NATURE. THAT'S HOW YOU BRING OUT YOUR ABILITIES.
DO NOT STAND UP OR OPEN YOUR EYES UNTIL I SAY SO.

AH... NICE AND COLD. IT FEELS QUITE GOOD.
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HEY, OUSUKE
THINK OF EACH DROP OF WATER AS BIRD POOP.
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HEY! WHAT THE HELL, MAN!!
DON'T OPEN YOUR EYES
THINK OF THE WATER AS BIRD POOP AND CONCENTRATE. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DODGE BIRD DROPPINGS!
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DODGE BIRD DROP-PINGS!?
WHAT A DREAM.
SILENCE...
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SHARPEN YOUR SOUL.
THAT'S GREAT BUT IT PAINS ME TO THINK OF IT AS POOP
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Water that's almost falling but won't
BU-HAA! THE WATER ISN'T DROPPING. THIS IS KILLING ME IN A DIF-FERENT WAY!!
FOOL! THE FLOW OF WATER IS A PART OF NATURE. YOU HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH PATIENCE.
MY HEAD IS ITCHY~~~ I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE~
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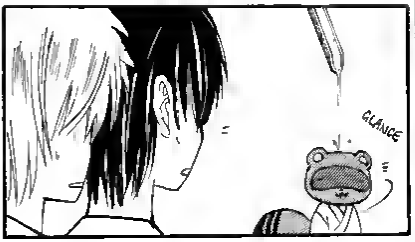
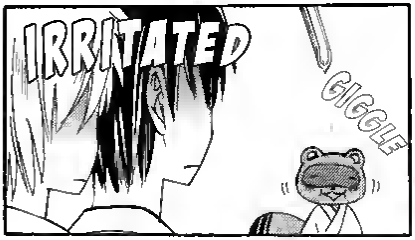
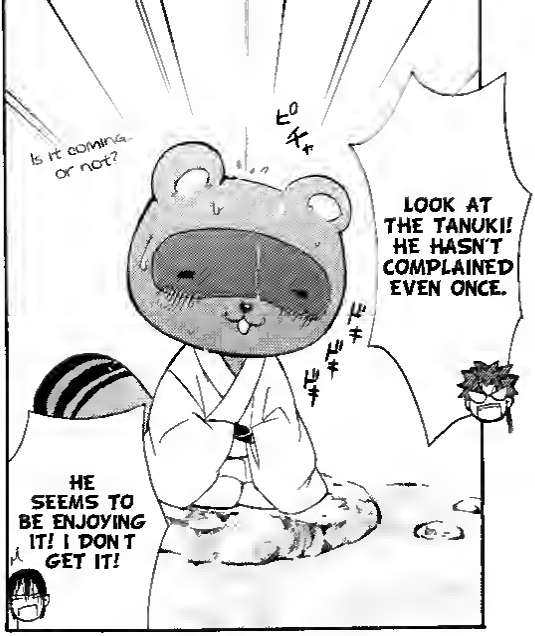
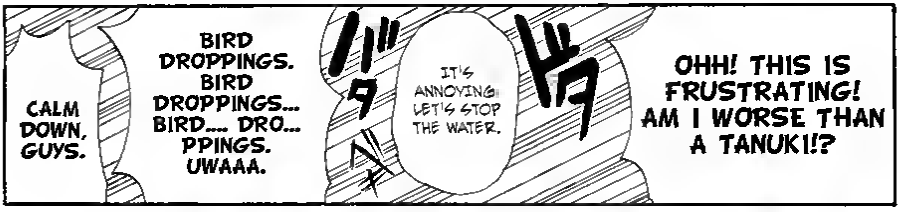
HEY YOU!


GLANCE

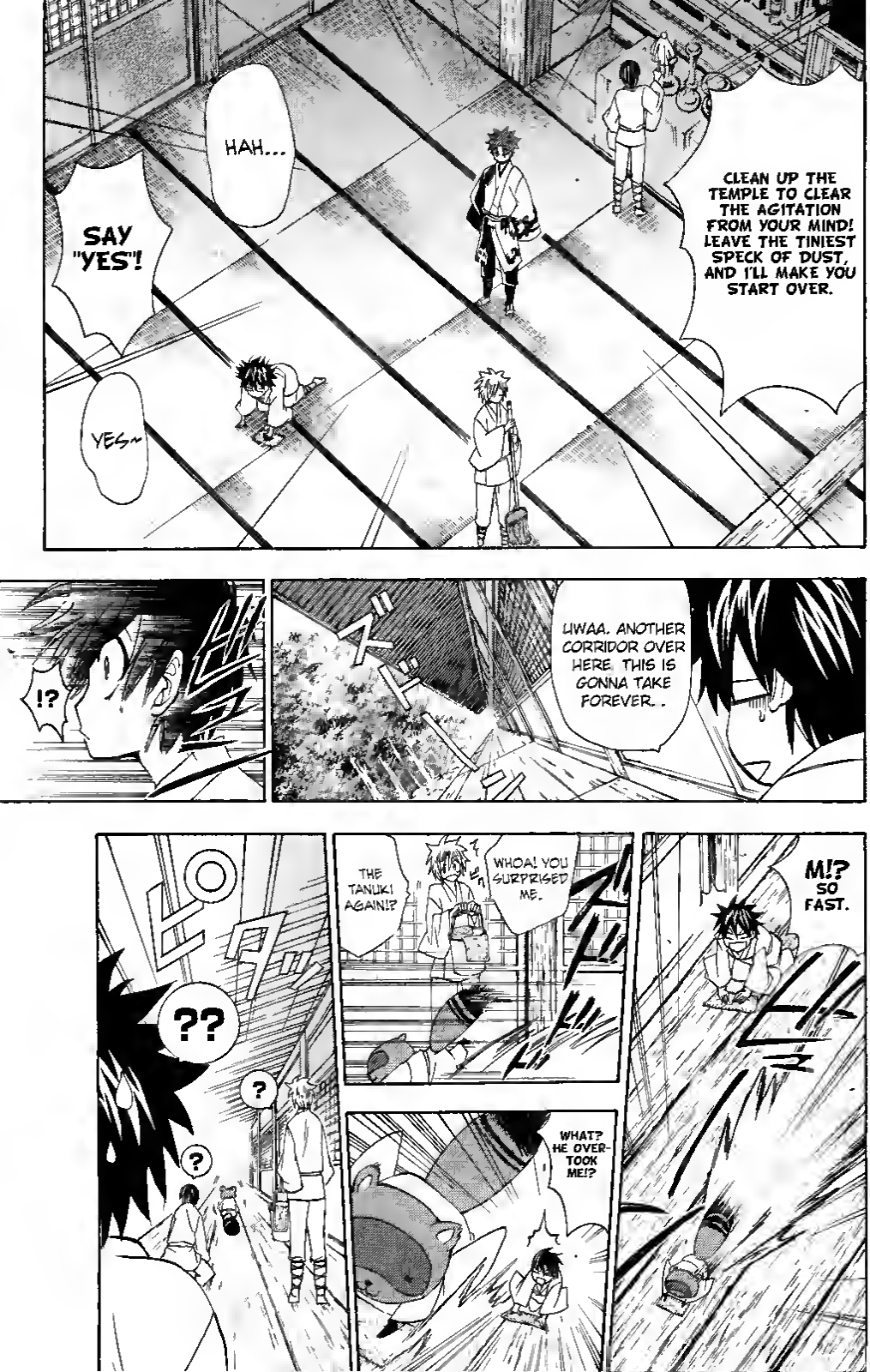

IRRITATED
GIGGLE


Is it coming or not?
LOOK AT THE TANUKI! HE HASN'T COMPLAINED EVEN ONCE.
HE SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING IT! I DON'T GET IT!


CALM DOWN, GUYS.
BIRD DROPPINGS. BIRD DROPPINGS... BIRD.... DRO... PPINGS. UWAAA.
IT'S ANNOYING! LET'S STOP THE WATER.
OHH! THIS IS FRUSTRATING! AM I WORSE THAN A TANUKI!?

.... UMM ....
WAAA

GEEZ! YOU GUYS DON'T EVEN KNOW THE MEANING OF TRAINING!!
IT'S HOT TODAY
LET ME SEE
ARE THEY BATHING? THEY'RE HAVING FUN
Watching from a distance


CLEAN UP THE TEMPLE TO CLEAR THE AGITATION FROM YOUR MIND! LEAVE THE TINIEST SPECK OF DUST, AND I'LL MAKE YOU START OVER.
HAH...
SAY "YES"!
YES~
!?
UWAA. ANOTHER CORRIDOR OVER HERE. THIS IS GONNA TAKE FOREVER. .
THE TANUKI AGAIN!?
WHOA! YOU SURPRISED ME.
M!? SO FAST.
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WHAT? HE OVER-TOOK ME!?

I'LL SHOW YOU NO MERCY!!
EVEN I HAVE MY PRIDE.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HUMANS!!
You're scary ♡
CLAMP
LAUGHS
And at that moment, for the first time in their lives, they felt the urge to kill someone.

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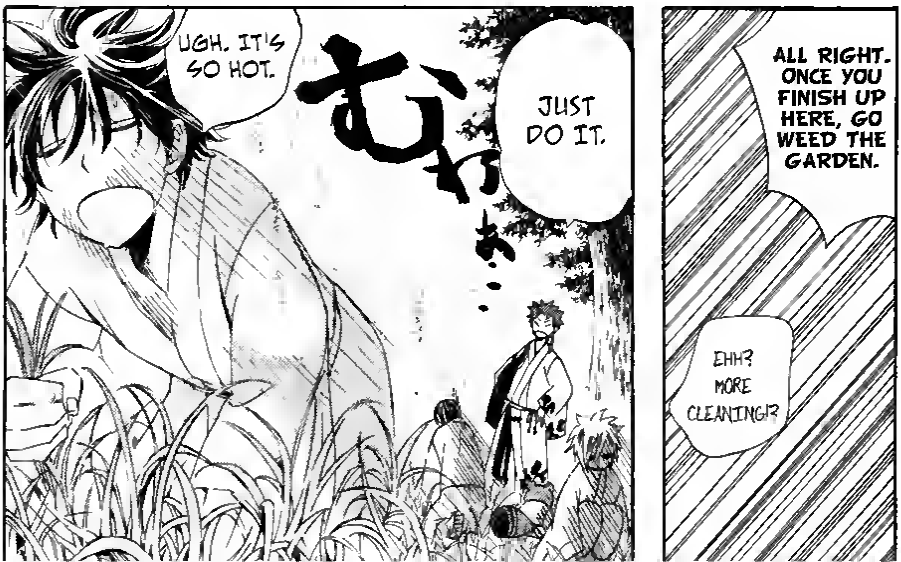
EXCITEMENT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR TRAINING!!
OHH! YOU GUYS ARE GETTING SO EXCITED! KEEP IT UP!


UGH. IT'S SO HOT.
JUST DO IT.
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ALL RIGHT. ONCE YOU FINISH UP HERE, GO WEED THE GARDEN.
EHH? MORE CLEANING?

UGH. I HURT MY HIP WIPING THE FLOOR. WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH BIRD DROPPINGS...?
I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
EH?
THESE WEEDS ARE GROWING IN YOUR HEART!
HUH!? NO WAY!
YES WAY.
UGH.
THEY WILL KEEP GROWING AND YOUR HEART WILL TURN COMPLETELY BLACK...
YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, BUT THEY'RE GROWING!! WHAT IF THESE WEEDS ARE THE REASON YOU'RE SO PESSIMISTIC...
AH.
BUT IT'S HARD TO GET RID OF ALL THESE WEEDS WITH YOUR BARE HANDS...
OUSUKE-KUN, YOU'RE REALLY EXCITED
WHOA. DISGUSTING!
REMOVE REMOVE
I'LL REMOVE THEM. I'LL REMOVE ALL OF THEM!!
HE'S CUTTING THEM LIKE A LAWN MOWER!!

I can't do this all day I'm gonna die...
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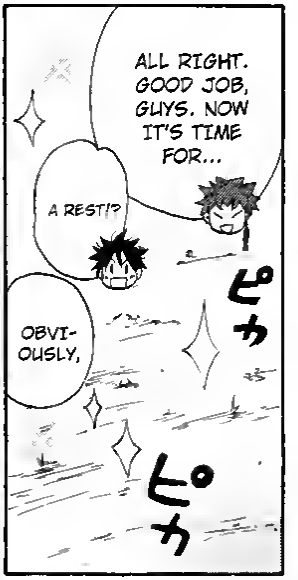
I'll REMOVE ALL FEATHERS.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
WAAA! I CAN'T LOSE TO HIM!!

THEY WERE HAVING A RACE WITH THE TANUKI EARLIER.
AS WE CAN SEE.
IT LOOKS LIKE FUN.
THEY'RE CUTTING WEEDING.

IN ORDER TO BE ONE WITH NATURE, YOU NEED THE ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE.
ZEN MEDITATION.
Weeding was enough


ALL RIGHT. GOOD JOB, GUYS. NOW IT'S TIME FOR...
A REST!?
OBVIOUSLY,
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BREATHE IN SLOWLY THROUGH YOUR NOSE
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HAA.
HAA.
WHO'S DOING THE HEAVY BREATHING!?
STARE
IT'S YOU! DON'T LOOK AT ME!

FOCUS!!
YOU HAVE SMALL SHOULDERS, SO I'M HITTING YOUR HEAD
GU-FU♡
I DE-FEATED M...
GEEZ
HE'S A TANUKI AFTER ALL.
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AH
STARE
EYES IN FRONT!!
HA-WAA~

THAT'S NOT TRAINING... BUT NOT A BAD IDEA. LET'S GO.
I WANNA TRAIN TO EAT PARFAIT.
LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESULTS OF THEIR TRAINING.
WE'D JUST HAVE BEEN SPYING ON THEM.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DOING THE TRAINING SERIOUSLY.
SAY, SAY,
DO REVERSE PUSH-UPS!!
SPLIT 100 LOGS!!
NEXT, CLIMB THE STONE STEPS 10 TIMES!!
I'VE GOT TOOLS.
GO FIND FOOD TO MAKE A MEAL. SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG IF EACH ONE OF YOU IS ASSIGNED DIFFERENT TASKS.
EHH? STARTING NOW!?
WHAT? YOU GUYS ARE TIRED ALREADY?
NIGHT'S FINALLY HERE, BUT I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ENERGY TO GO ENJOY THE CITY NIGHTLIFE.
AH, I CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE. I'M HUNGRY AKASHI WHEN'S DINNER?
...YES BROTHER
YOICHI, GO DRAW SOME WATER
UGHH... IS THIS MUSHROOM EDIBLE...?

AH
AMAZING. NEVER SEEN SOMEONE MAKE A FIRE
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A-ALL RIGHT. I CAN SEE SMOKE.
I NEED TO MAKE A FIRE. OOHHH
OO HHH HHH
[How to make a fire.] Rub a stick against a piece of wood and burn cotton or fern It's hard
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THIS WELL IS.. DEEP...
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DON'T SLEEP.
BOTTOMLESS
AH, IT'S FINALLY HERE.
カラッ
HURRY UP, OR IT WILL BE MORNING.
Is this edible?
Is there anything else that is edible?
HUH..? THE FIRE ISN'T READY YET?
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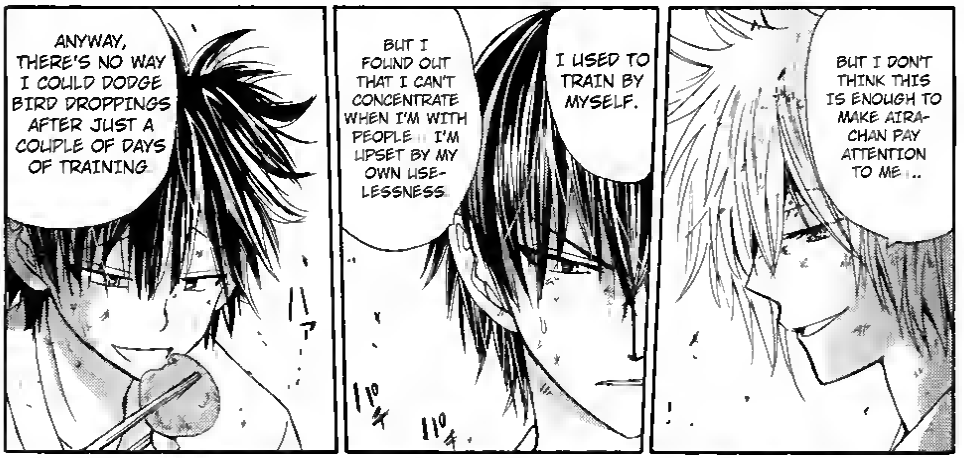
Hope it's tasty
AH, I FOUND A MUSHROOM.
IF YOU DO THAT AGAIN..

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MADE A MEAL FROM SCRATCH.
IT SMELLS, BUT IT'S DELICIOUS
THIS IS FOR YOU.
FINALLY DONE.
LET'S EAT!!!
MUSHROOM SOUP


ANYWAY, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DODGE BIRD DROPPINGS AFTER JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS OF TRAINING
BUT I FOUND OUT THAT I CAN'T CONCENTRATE WHEN I'M WITH PEOPLE... I'M UPSET BY MY OWN USELESSNESS
I USED TO TRAIN BY MYSELF.
BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE AIRA-CHAN PAY ATTENTION TO ME...

T-THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING ALL THIS TIME AND WE ARE..
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT TRAINING. HOW SHAMEFUL.

ULTIMATE THEORY!!
I SEE. I GET IT NOW!! IT'S THE SAME AS WHAT I LEARNED FROM KENDO.
YAMATO-SENPAI.
NO... YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT THAT'S EXTREME...
YOU NEED FIGHTING SPIRIT WHEN TRAINING! TRAIN TO THE BRINK OF DEATH!

IT MEANS TO ALWAYS TAKE CHANCES AND TO KEEP IMPROVING!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S DEEP!!
"THERE'S NO LIFE WHEN YOU'RE ALIVE. THERE'S LIFE WHEN YOU'RE DEAD."
DON'T ACT OUT OF SELF-INTEREST. ALWAYS FIGHT AT THE RISK OF YOUR LIFE, KEEP CALM AND FIND THE MOMENT TO WIN.

R-REALLY!?
I CAN TELL THAT YOU'VE CHANGED SINCE YOU CAME HERE. YOU'VE GOT A GOOD AURA ABOUT YOU, AND THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES IS MUCH BETTER!
BUT CAN I DO THAT...
YOU FOOL.
Yeah yeah
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT LIKE THAT.
ME NEITHER ...

A-ALL RIGHT I'LL DO MY BEST. I'M GETTING REALLY
THAT'S THE SPIRIT. LIVE!!
YEAH! WE CAN DO IT!!
ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO THIS!!
OOOH!
SHOW ME YOUR GUTS!
YES, SIR!
I DON'T WANNA QUIT HALFWAY.
HUH?
Somehow they're all excited to the max.
IT'S RAIN. WE'RE MOVING.
MAYBE OUR VOICES SHOOK THE SKY AND MADE IT RAIN
THAT SOUNDS COOL.

SLEEP AT IN THIS WAREHOUSE FOR TODAY. WE'RE GETTING UP EARLY TOMORROW...
ZZZ
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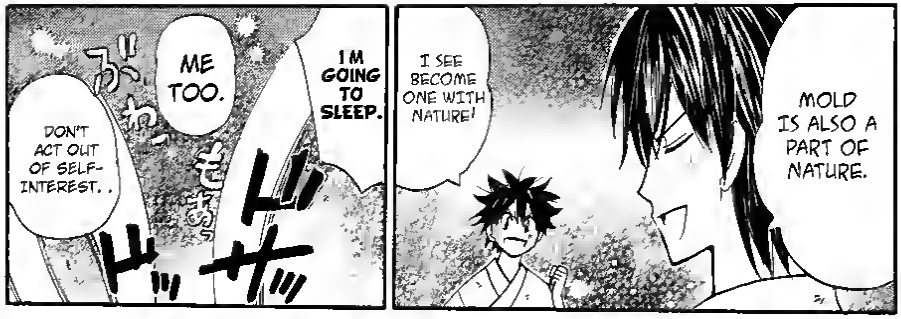
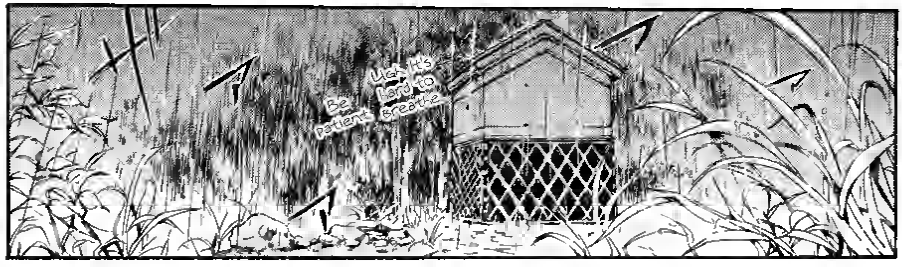
HE FELL ASLEEP!!
THIS PLACE IS CRAMPED AND MOLDY.
SO THIS IS ANOTHER PART OF TRAINING...


MOLD IS ALSO A PART OF NATURE.
I SEE BECOME ONE WITH NATURE!
I'M GOING TO SLEEP.
ME TOO.
DON'T ACT OUT OF SELF-INTEREST..


Be patient
Use it to breathe

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IT'S MORNING. COME HERE, EVERYONE.
AH.

OSU!!!
ARE YOU COVERED WITH MOLD?
EH?

YOU'VE BECOME STRONGER!!
I CAN FEEL THE POWER OF NATURE.
AHAHA, YOU'RE RIGHT AS IF WE BECAME ONE WITH NATURE M, YOU'VE GOT AN AFRO.
MOLD IS AMAZING.

ALL RIGHT. LET'S ALL DO OUR BEST TODAY!!
OOOOHH!!!
HUH? YOU HAVE NO MOLD, AKASHI.
NO, I TRAIN DIFFERENTLY.
I KNEW IT, YOU'RE GREAT!
Last night's menu: Legendary poisonous mushroom. If you eat it you'll be covered with mold. It's very smelly.

NO ONE EVER COMPLAINED.
IN ORDER TO BECOME ONE WITH NATURE,
THE HARSH TRAINING CONTINUED...
SOMETIMES THEY SUPPORTED EACH OTHER
THEY FOUGHT THEMSELVES.
WHAT THEY ACHIEVED...
One-two! One-two!
TIME FLEW BY, AND SOON IT WAS THE FINAL DAY OF TRAINING.
PUSHED BEYOND THEIR LIMITS
AND FELT POWER WITHIN THEM THAT THEY'D NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.
I'D HATE IT IF I DIDN'T HAVE MY SANDBAG
YES. I CAME TO PICK UP OUSUKE-SAMA
I KNEW I'D SEE YOU HERE
The morning of the final day
AH.
AH! HERE THEY ARE!!

STEAMY
T-THEY STINK!!!
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UGH.
OHO.
YOU'RE TRYING TO SHOW... WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED
...
OUSUKE-SAMA, WHAT HAPPENED?
?
... IT'S COMING THIS IS A GOOD TIMING.
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AH BIRDS!

THE CHIRPS, THE FLAP OF WINGS I CAN FEEL THEIR MOVEMENT EVEN IF I CLOSE MY EYES...
AND ONE OF THE BIRDS IS
Drop
FLYING TOWARDS ME.... AND
COME!!
I'LL PROVE THAT I'VE CHANGED!!
DON'T TELL ME
HE'S TRYING TO
DODGE THE BIRD'S DROPPINGS!

SPLASH
SILENCE
I DON'T CARE AT ALL. AHAHAH.
YEAH. WE JUST SAW THE RESULT OF YOUR TRAINING. THAT WAS AMAZING!
BIRD DROPPINGS ARE ALSO PART OF NATURE YOU'RE A MAN OF HIGH CALIBER
KYOUKA DOMO ARE YOU OKAY?
SO DIRTY
AH, SO THIS TANUKI WAS YOURS
M, YOU SMELL! BY THE WAY HOW'S THAT GUY BEEN DOING?
WHAT? GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
HE'S GOT A LOT OF GUTS. YOU'VE TRAINED HIM WELL
EH?
THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE'S PRAISED ME
A few days later, Dusuke awakened from the temporary "I don't care" state
GYA, BIRD POOP!!
OH...
No one has visited Akashi's temple for training ever since